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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. SHIMA, et al
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Examiner: H. Pham

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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December 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.